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Dear Mr. McAllister:

We are organizing a conference for the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology on the topic "Smooth Muscle". The conference is to be held at Vermont Academy in Saxtons River, Vermont, from June 26 - July 1, 1988. The Chairman of the conference is Dr. Kent Hermesmeyer of the Chiles Research Institute and the Vice-Chairman is Dr. James Stull of The University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas. The FASEB conferences, like the Gordon Conferences, bring a modest number of researchers together for intense scientific discussion over a five-day period. Each conference focuses on carefully selected topics in the most promising and exciting areas in that field of research. The conference on Smooth Muscle will be organized around the following topics:

<u>Session</u>	<u>Chairman</u>
1. Neuromuscular Transmission	Joseph Szurszewski
2. Membrane Excitation	Cornelius van Breemen
3. Calcium and Other Channels	Garrit Isenberg
4. Second Messengers	John Lewicki
5. Intracellular Calcium	Andrew Somlyo
6. Myosin Phosphorylation and Cytoskeleton	David Hartshorne
7. Molecular Biology and Protein Function	Robert Adelstein
8. Microcirculation Mechanisms	Paul Johnson

Chairmen and speakers have been established with the exception of one speaker in each session. It is our intent to identify, in collaboration with the session chairmen, individuals who have very recent, exciting research results that will be of immediate interest to the participants. Poster sessions will allow presentation of additional related topics in smooth muscle research. About 40 participants from North America, Japan, Australia and Europe have accepted invitations, depending upon financial support.

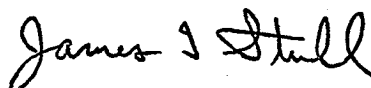
This will be the third time that FASEB has sponsored a conference on Smooth Muscle. The 1988 conference has been announced and the program will be advertised by FASEB in scientific journals. Based upon past experience and current enthusiasm, a large number of people will apply.

We are trying to raise funds for partial support of the participants' travel and meeting expenses. We have made application to NIH for partial

support of the conference expenses and have been told that it received a most enthusiastic review. There is concern, however, that financial problems being experienced by the federal government will affect funding of all conference applications. Financial contributions from additional sources are needed and we are seeking your assistance. We wish to support established investigators who have been invited as speakers, including individuals from foreign countries. We also wish to support a few key individuals outside the smooth muscle field who will share insights that will be important for future developments in this field of research. Although attendance is limited to 155, we feel that it is crucial to involve junior investigators who have the most limited resources. Your contribution would help us provide support for 20 such individuals.

If you would like more information about the conference, please feel free to contact Kent at (503)230-6831 or me at (214)688-6849. We would greatly appreciate your participation in the financial assistance of this program. Thank you.

Sincerely,



James T. Stull, Ph.D.
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P.S. Checks should be annotated "Smooth Muscle" and made payable to:

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